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LETTER DATED 17 APRIL 1978 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE
PERMANENT MISSION OF THE SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to bring to your attention the following:

Certain Israeli elements infiltrated through the zone disengaging the forces in the Golan Heights and planted booby-trapped mines with receiver-transmitter radio set near the main highway that links the town of Deraa with Damascus.

Upon investigation by the Syrian experts conducted on 1 April, it was found that the radio set was planted with the mines about three to five days earlier. Moreover, investigation and material evidence held by the Syrian experts proved that the abovementioned set was provided with nuclear cells made recently in the United States and operating through radioactive substances whose use for military purposes is prohibited due to its damaging effect on human life. Evidence also proved that the set was connected to the telephone cable which links Damascus with Amman.

This criminal act is a flagrant violation of elementary human conduct and the principles of international law, as well as a flagrant contravention of the Disengagement Agreement.

The Syrian Arab Republic, in disclosing these facts about the criminal Israeli behaviour, considers that the use by Israel of nuclear cells acting on radioactive substances represents a new and dangerous manifestation in the course of the struggle in the Middle East.

Israel will have to bear all the consequences of this new criminal act and the Security Council is requested to take all the necessary measures and to impose the sanctions provided for in the Charter of the United Nations.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter issued as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Taher AL-HUSSAMY
Chargé d'Affaires, a.i.